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SUBJ: GOI INQUIRIES ON STATUS OF VOA CORRESPONDENT

1. IN COURSE OF PARALLEL CALLS BY ADCM LANDE AND APAO GILMORE ON AMERICAN DESK JOINT SECRETARY TEJA AND MEA SPOKESMAN HAKSAR, RESPECTIVELY, TO PROTEST EXPULSION OF AP CORRESPONDENT CODY, BOTH GOI OFFICIALS TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF RAISING QUESTION OF CURRENT STATUS OF VOA CORRESPONDENT MILLER.
 2. PRESENTATIONS BY BOTH GOI OFFICIALS WERE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME, THOUGH HAKSAR MORE COMPLETELY INFORMED AND HE ASKED FOR MONDAY REPLY WHEREAS TEJA SET NO DEADLINE.
 3. GOI'S POSITION IS:
 - A. MEA SURPRISED IN CHECKING WITH PROTOCOL TO FIND MILLER HAS DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND CLAIMS ORIGINAL NOTIFICATION FROM EMBASSY DID NOT INCLUDE FACT THAT MILLER WOULD BE OPERATING AS VOA CORRESPONDENT (EMBASSY CHECKING RECORDS BUT THIS POINT IS NOT PARTICULARLY RELEVANT);
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- B. BOI FINDS IT ANOMALY THAT MILLER SHOULD

HAVE BOTH DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND BE SERVING AS VOA CORRESPONDENT (TO HAKSAR'S KNOWLEDGE THIS WAS NOT THE CASE WITH ANY OTHER "OFFICIAL" CORRESPONDENT);

C. GOI FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE MILLER'S DIPLOMATIC STATUS WITH HIS ROLE AS CORRESPONDENT;

D. IF MILLER IS TO FUNCTION AS A MEDIA CORRESPONDENT THE GOI EXPECTATION WOULD BE FOR HIM TO FUNCTION WITHIN THE SAME RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENT. (HAKSAR WOULD NOT PROJECT BEYOND THIS AS TO CONSEQUENCES);

E. HAKSAR ASKED FOR THE EMBASSY COMMENT ON THIS ANOMALY AND ITS THOUGHTS ON HOW SITUATION COULD BE RESOLVED AND ASKED TO BE INFORMED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11.

4. EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.
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